

Metal Detecting Guidelines

City of Olathe Parks & Public Ground Properties

General:

Metal detecting is allowable at certain locations and by permit only. Violations of these guidelines may result in loss of privilege to use metal detectors on City of Olathe parks and public grounds.

Guidelines:

Metal detectors may not be used on any historic site or at any human burial locations as these areas are protected by state and federal laws.

Locations for use:

Metal detectors may be used at the following locations, provided this activity does not interfere with regular public uses:

- The surrounding areas adjacent to:
 - picnic shelters (only when shelter is vacant)
 - parking lots
 - playgrounds
 - open space areas

May not be used at:

- Olathe Memorial Cemetery
- Heritage Center and Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop & Museum
- Lone Elm Park
- Ensor Park & Museum
- Lake Olathe Beach
- Any landscaped flower and shrub beds
- Any lawn areas with irrigation
- Sports & ballfield locations fenced and unfenced
- Manicured lawn areas surrounding all city buildings

Extracting Objects:

- Digging by hand implements only (e.g. trowel). Small probes or sand sieves are acceptable.
- Digging limited to 6 inches in depth and 6 inches in width
- Return ground to holes and restore area to original condition as much as possible. Recommendation is to preserve the “plug” of ground that is removed, then placed back in hole for minimum disruption to turf